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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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| <b>Bill Number:</b>    | H. 3703                                                 | Introduced on February 8, 2017 |
| <b>Author:</b>         | Elliott                                                 |                                |
| <b>Subject:</b>        | Transportation Commission                               |                                |
| <b>Requestor:</b>      | House Education and Public Works                        |                                |
| <b>RFA Analyst(s):</b> | Wren, Heineman, and Kokolis                             |                                |
| <b>Impact Date:</b>    | March 28, 2017 - Updated for Additional Agency Response |                                |

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

|                                  | <b>FY 2017-18</b> | <b>FY 2018-19</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>State Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | (\$350,000)       | \$0               |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| <b>State Revenue</b>             |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Expenditure</b>         | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Revenue</b>             | \$0               | \$0               |

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The bill is expected to have an Other Funds cost savings of approximately \$350,000 annually for elimination of the Department of Transportation Commission. The bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. The bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local governments for providing input to the statewide transportation plan. This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include responses from the Department of Transportation and the State Auditor.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on February 8, 2017**

**Updated for Additional Agency Response**

**State Expenditure**

The bill repeals Article 3, Chapter 1, Title 57, which establishes the responsibilities of the Department of Transportation Commission (Commission) and places all responsibilities of the Commission with the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT). The Secretary of DOT will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The State Auditor must employ an individual to serve as the chief internal auditor of DOT and may employ other professional, administrative, technical, and clerical personnel as the State Auditor determines to be necessary. DOT, at its own expense, must provide appropriate office space within its headquarters for the chief internal auditor and his support staff. Additionally, DOT must develop the long-range statewide transportation plan, which provides for the development and implementation of the multimodal transportation system for the state. DOT must develop a process for consulting with nonmetropolitan local officials and metropolitan planning

organizations regarding the long-range statewide transportation plan and statewide transportation improvement plan. Further, the bill repeals Article 7, Chapter 1, Title 57 relating to the Joint Transportation Review Committee.

**Department of Transportation.** The bill will have a cost savings of approximately \$350,000 annually for elimination of the Commission.

**State Auditor.** The agency indicates that they currently handle the responsibilities associated with this bill pursuant to Act 275 of 2016. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

#### **State Revenue**

N/A

#### **Local Expenditure**

The bill requires DOT to consult with local officials regarding the development of the long-range statewide transportation plan and statewide transportation improvement program. Additionally, the bill requires DOT to consult with each metropolitan planning organization concerning the projects selected to be undertaken from the approved transportation improvement program. This requirement is not expected to impact local government expenditures for providing input to the statewide plan.

#### **Local Revenue**

N/A

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##### **State Expenditure**

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**Department of Transportation.** The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**State Auditor.** The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

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**Local Revenue**

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director